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**Walla Walla County Announces Three COVID-19 Related Deaths
*Reminder to Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Keep our Community Safe***

Walla Walla, WA – Walla Walla County health officials were notified that two local men, both in their 70's, as well as one local woman in her 80's, that tested positive for COVID passed away.

"We offer our heartfelt condolence to friends and families during this difficult time," said Kara Breymeyer, DCH Preventative Services Division Manager.

Walla Walla County health officials report the average daily number of new community COVID cases, compiled weekly over the preceding several weeks has been approximately 28-30 new cases per day. Yesterday (12/17/2020) Walla Walla County reported 187 new cases. Of the 187 cases, 141 were cases from the Washington State Penitentiary (WSP).

"Forty-two new community cases were reported yesterday," said Dr. Daniel Kaminsky, Walla Walla County Public Health Officer. "Despite this elevated daily value, our weekly average community daily case rate remains at approximately 28 new cases."

Case Overview (as of 12/18/2020 @ 4:00 PM):

- Confirmed Cases: 3,052
- Recovered: 2,479
- Deaths: 29
- Active: 544 (includes 192 WSP inmates)
 - Home Isolation: 530
 - Hospitalized: 14

Case counts are subject to change as new cases go through case investigation and tracing. More information about cases, including community of residence, age, and gender, can be found on the DCH [website](#).

Walla Walla County is currently in Phase 2 of Governor Inslee's 'Safe Start' plan. Additional information regarding the 'Safe Start' plan can be found on the Governor's [website](#).

As many in our community are feeling the stressful impacts of COVID-19, DCH would like to remind you there are resources available. If you need resources or support, please visit www.covidwwc.com/struggling-to-cope or email health@co.walla-walla.wa.us. English and Spanish language assistance is available.

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